

Alki Community Center

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1. What Should We Prioritize?

- Life Long Recreation classes ~ morning classes
- Exercise ~ health & wellness
- Field Trips
- School Age Care
- Speakers for senior health & life issues
- Maintenance ~ cleaning
- Morning classes for seniors
- Provide a place for kids to go – more open time
- Put more resources into recreation so we don't need to police to oversee
- Keep Alki open! Expand its hours!
- Keep senior programs at Alki & Hiawatha:
 - Line dancing
 - Fitness / exercise classes
 - Book club
 - Yoga
 - Field trips
 - Tai Chi
 - Tap dance
- Keep children's programs:
 - Before & after school care
 - Skate night / family programming
 - Sports programs
 - Enrichment program
 - Summer day camp
 - Community programs
- Do not reduce any more professional City staff; do not reduce their hours
- Maintain adequate maintenance:
 - Improve cleanliness, e.g., bathrooms, floors, kitchen
- Keeping community center open in community / open available
- Keep classes in Alki community
- Special events (egg hunt, winter fest)
- Opportunities
- Teens
- Keep building available to public
- Skate night
- Preschool, before/after school programs
- Summer camp
- Movement classes
- Serving dense areas
- Senior classes
- Yoga
- Art classes
- Dance classes (tap)
- Swing dance
- Keep Alki open!
- Retaining health & fitness classes and programs
- Keep space for Life Long Learning programs
- Keep evening programs
- Affordable
- Having staff at front desk with good customer service

2. What Should We Keep Doing?

- Lifelong Recreation classes
- Opportunity to exercise
- Friday night skate night
- Potlucks ~ special events
- Mon – Fri. Operation
- Events for kids ~ egg hunt, etc.
- Staff training ~ Recreation
- Advertising Bathhouse classes
- Monitoring duplication of expense
- Public
- See our list of priorities
- Keep listening to the community voice
 - Mayor, Council and Parks invite our feedback, listen and respond
 - Use Advisory Councils for our voice and advocacy
- Same as priorities!
- Affordable
- Safe place to go
- Childcare
- Lifelong learning programs
- Programs for all age groups
- Keep current programs (skate night, summer camp, tap/dance/exercise classes)
- Evening classes for families
- Halloween carnival / egg hunt / pancake breakfast
- Utilizing volunteers
- More classes for more dollars
- Art fair (waive fees)

3. What Should We Stop Doing?

- a. Stop using scheduled program space for special events
- b. Overstaffing some hours of the day
- c. Allowing staff use of personal cell phones
- d. Stop raising prices
- e. Stop decreasing professional City staffing and hours
- f. Stop reducing hours of operation
- g. Cutting hours / programs that are working
- h. Looking at past history to make future plans
- i. We already stopped many classes

4. What Can You Do To Help?

- Continue to support Life Long Rec. (even though you raised the prices)
- More conscious of the needs
- Create more marketing opportunities
- Patronize the programs
- Advertise programs:
 - Invite neighbors by word of mouth and posters
- Join Advisory Council
- Conduct fundraisers
- Volunteer at community events:
 - Sign up to be volunteer
 - Help staff with annual or semi-annual all-day cleanup (deep clean)
- Take part in activities
- Help publicize events / programs

- Be on Advisory Council
- Instructors with access to facility
- Volunteer
- Fundraise
- Work with West Seattle Blog
- Improve website (SPARC)
- Participate and support classes
- Spread the word!
- Participate in self-help projects, comm. events, etc.
- More programs for Veterans ~ be sure that comm. centers are on list